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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal Exploration License Application

WYW185631, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Bridger Coal Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the Rock Springs Rocket-Miner once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Bridger Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW185631): BLM,

Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Bridger Coal Company, c/o Interwest Mining Co., Attn: Scott M. Child, 1407 W. North Temple, #310, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 and the BLM Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Jackie Madson, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Madson, Land Law Examiner, at 307-775-6258 or jmadson@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bridger Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land to the northwest of the Jim Bridger power plant and underground coal mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information on the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410.2 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the *Federal Register*. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in Wyoming:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 21 N., R. 101 W.,

sec. 4;

sec. 8, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4.

T. 22 N., R. 101 W.,

sec. 28, lots 5 thru 7, 10 thru 14, and NW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 32, lots 1, 2, 7 thru 10, 14, and 15.

The area described contains 1,560.85 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1)

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State Director.

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